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To whom it may concern,

I was thrilled to see the Microsoft proposal rejected. Kudos.

As for having anything monumental to suggest for the penalty, I am afraid I haven't any groundbreaking thoughts. However, I think it is vitally important to remember exactly who the monopolistic and egocentric tactics of Microsoft really hurt. These being the many businesses that were diminished, or extinguished as a result, and the public themselves who lost any opportunity to support and/or nurture any competitors that would have otherwise had a viable vehicle to present their products. Microsoft was responsible for all of this, and more.

The most disturbing thing to, up to this very day, is how Microsoft feels they are above the law; above the rights of the people... In general, how they see themselves as having done nothing wrong.

If I were to have the blood on my hands², if you will, that Microsoft (who knows better than anyone else that it does) has, I would be very afraid. I strongly believe that they should have to pay dearly to the real victims of their actions. As to what that price² will be, I can only hope that the DOJ and the courts will dispense no less than what they have coming to them, and trust it will be so.

Warmest regards,

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